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SUBJ: COURT REDUCES SENTENCES FOR PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS

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1. ON APRIL 2 KWANGJU APPEALS COURT ISSUED DECISION IN CASE OF FOUR PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS ACCUSED OF VIOLATING EM-9. DEFENDANTS HAD ISSUED MANIFESTO OF SUPPORT FOR MYONGDONG DEFENDANTS IN AUGUST OF 1976. THEY WERE CONVICTED BY DISTRICT COURT ON DECEMBER 30, 1976.

2. SENTENCES TO IMPRISONMENT AT HARD LABOR AT DISTRICT AND APPEALS COURT LEVELS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

DEFENDANT	DISTRICT COURT	APPEALS COURT
YIM KI-CHUN	6	4
CHO HONG-NAE	6	4
KANG SIN-SOK	5	3
YUN KI-SOK	5	3

3. HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS CONSIDERED THIS CASE A "LITTLE MYONGDONG INCIDENT" IN THAT DEFENDANTS COPIED THEME AND STYLE OF MYONGDONG PROTEST. COURT'S SENTENCES IN THIS CASE WERE SLIGHTLY LESS THAN IN MYONGDONG CASE

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PERHAPS BECAUSE DEFENDANTS LACKED STATURE OF MYONGDONG ACCUSED. IT IS EXPECTED THAT DEFENDANTS WILL APPEAL TO SUPREME COURT.
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